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LARGE FUTURE POSSIBLE.

GENERAL WANAMAKER HAS GREAT FAITH IN THE READING ROAD.

He Gives a Reply to the Request That He Shall Accept the Presidency of the Road—Actual Value of the Estate of the Road is Enormous.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The correspondence between ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker and a number of dissatisfied Philadelphia and New York security holders of the Reading railroad relative to Mr. Wanamaker becoming a candidate for the presidency of the road was made public this evening.

The letters addressed to Mr. Wanamaker soliciting him to become a candidate for the nomination are most flattering to him in the evidence they give of the signers' opinion of his business ability and integrity. Mr. Wanamaker in his letter of reply, dated January 1, says:

"The failure of the Reading company nearly two years ago was the initial step of the hard times in this vicinity, and its prompt organization would be the greatest boon to business that come to our city. I confess that my pride in the city, as well as a selfish interest in its prosperity, would prompt me to endeavor and sacrifices, if need be, to assist in putting the road on its feet. It is some what of an open secret that I rendered a personal service over two years ago that some wise friends believe if it had been accepted would have averted the calamity of the failure of the Reading corporation. Whoever is responsible for that failure is responsible for the deaths, miseries, impoverishment and terrible sufferings that have followed as its consequence.

"The actual value of the Reading estate is enormous. To put the company into receivers' hands every few years and nurse it at heavy expense, and to then set it up with a larger load of indebtedness and new capital provided by weary and innocent junior security holders, is akin to crime. Foreclosure, in my judgment, is ruin to the property and is backward for Philadelphia. I believe it possible to reorganize the company, and that it should be done in the interest of its owners and not by promoters for their own profit. Not another cent of fixed charges should be added to the already too heavy financial burden, but the owners of unsecured bonds and shares will need to surrender sufficient to put the property in right condition, which, with proper management and the increased earnings of which the property is capable, will make the reduced holdings worth more than the larger holdings have been for many years, and what is even better, will give to them stability of value."

"Assured credit, with careful use of existing securities, will find all the capital needed.

So far as I can recollect the Reading company has never been treated from other than a speculative standpoint. Given a commercial, conservative, trusted and unselfish direction there is, I feel confident, a large future for the property. We are, I think, on the eve of a new era in finance, trade and the direction of affairs. Great movements are going on. Methods of business are rapidly undergoing changes. Railroad operations cannot be an exception to the new order of things. With all respect to old traditions, systems are not perfect, nor are men infallible. There is a commercial side to railroad business as well as its financing and its construction, equipment and maintenance. The dividends of the future will come, if at all from earnings and economies rather than extensions.

"I have given careful consideration to your letters and other arguments that have reached me, but I cannot see at present anything but conflicting interests with no general purpose to harmonize and find a way for the reconstruction of the company. The duty to which your letter so earnestly refers is not open to me at the present time.

President Earle of the Finance company and a member of the Reading reorganization committee, stated to-day that the Finance company received the assent of \$30,000,000 general mortgage bonds. Including New York and London deposits he thinks the Philadelphia will reach \$39,000,000. The Philadelphia assented \$13,975,000 preference income upwards of \$15,000,000 may not be withdrawn or may be left with the committee pending further developments.

The thirty days extension of time for depositing securities with the committee brought another crowd to the Finance company's offices to-day and from present appearances the end of January will see the entire issue of general mortgage bonds in the hands of the committee, giving assurance of unanimous interest in favor of another new plan, which will virtually command acceptance or in lieu thereof foreclosure.

Whatever the outcome of Reading's affairs may be one thing is almost absolutely certain and that is that long and vexatious litigation in the certificates will occur between the numerous conflicting interests in the road.

At City Mission Hall.

Among the meetings held each evening of the week at the City Mission hall, those on Mondays and Wednesdays are conducted by committees of eight different Christian Endeavor societies in the city. The meeting last night was in charge of the Dwight Place Endeavor society. Mr. MacGowan, the vice president of the society, was the leader. Mr. Marvin of the society presented the members of the society present were Messrs. Gardner, Pratzner, Meriman, Mr. and Mrs. Belden, Miss Fackenberg, Mrs. Marvin, the Misses Blackman, Mr. Rowling, Miss Merrill, Miss Powell, Mr. Hatch and Miss Klock.

THE LEXOW COMMITTEE.

Proposed Broadening of Its Scope—Its Report—Brooklyn Inquiry.

Albany, Jan. 2.—Senator Lexow seemed much disinclined to talk to-day about the future of his investigating committee. When asked if it was likely to request an extension of the time granted in which to perform its work, and also for a broadening of the scope of any inquiry that may be conducted hereafter, he replied that nothing had been decided yet with reference to that phase of the matter. The work of preparing the committee's report for presentation to the senate by the 15th instant, he said, was under way. He is writing it, and he seems to think that the time at his disposal is altogether too short to do the subject justice.

Senator Bradley, ind. dem., of Brooklyn says he does not know whether it will be possible to start a legislative investigation into the Brooklyn municipal departments. He expressed himself as very anxious to have one undertaken at an early date.

Ten thousand copies of the committee's report are to be printed. The Lexow will be very heavy. Senator Lexow says no meeting of the committee will take place before the legislature comes together again next week. When it meets he expects to be able to lay before it a draft of his report.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Officers of the Grays Elected For the Year.

The annual meeting of the New Haven Grays was held last night. The committee on finance reported that there were no outstanding bills. The following officers were elected: J. P. Earle, secretary; G. M. Boers, treasurer, in place of James H. English, who declined to serve; John McCann, historian. These committees were appointed: On finance—Lieutenant Smith, Corporal Bowers, Private English. House committee—Sergeant Gruener, Corporal Blake, Privates Doran, Graves, Beecher.

Court-martial committee—Lieutenant Dann, Sergeant Ruff, Corporal Hofer, Privates Beers and Trowbridge.

State uniform committee—Corporal King, Watterson, Privates Veitch, Van Name, Winchell.

Company uniform committee—Corporals Osborn, Ingersoll, Privates Curtiss, Hitchcock, Merrells.

Recruiting committee—Sergeant Bassett, Corporal M. E. Osborn, Privates Stronk, Frink, Wheeler.

ESCAPED FROM ORPHAN ASYLUM.

William McVety Transferred From the County Home and Ran Away.

William McVety, a thirteen-year-old boy, escaped from St. Francis' orphan asylum yesterday afternoon and up to last evening had not been captured. McVety, with five brothers and sisters, was committed to the county home by Judge Cable Monday afternoon. After the arrival at the home it was found that the institution was overcrowded, and the children were transferred to the orphan asylum.

The children's mother died recently and the father has been unable to take care of them owing to their extreme youth. At first it was intended to send William to the Connecticut School for Boys at Meriden, but he was sent to the county home instead. If he is captured he will be sent to Meriden at once.

AGRICULTURE BOARD.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at the Capitol—New Members Elected—A New Trustee For Storrs College.

Hartford, Jan. 2.—The annual meeting of the state board of agriculture was held at the capitol this morning. Vice President Charles W. Lee of Coventry presided. A committee on credentials, Hon. A. J. Coe of Meriden and L. J. Wells of Woodstock, reported as members-elect Samuel A. Chalker of Saybrook, as his own successor on the board; A. B. Pierpont of Waterbury, to succeed N. S. Platt; Clifton Peck of Franklin, to succeed James A. Bill. The remaining members of the board who hold over are E. H. Hyde of Stafford, Andrew J. Coe of Meriden, G. T. Sauer of Plainfield, Theron E. Platt of Newtown, E. S. Hough of Poughquog, F. E. Blakeman of Oranoke, L. J. Wells of Woodstock and G. L. Foskett of Winsted.

Officers were elected as follows: The governor of the state, ex-officio member of the board, president; L. J. Wells, vice president; T. S. Gold of West Cornwall, secretary; G. T. Sanger, treasurer; Professor S. W. Johnson of New Haven, chemist; Dr. E. H. Jenkins of New Haven, botanist; President B. F. Koons of Storrs, etomologist; N. S. Platt of Cheshire, pomologist; E. H. Hough, G. L. Foskett and Clifton Peck, commissioners on diseases of domestic animals; F. E. Blakeman, S. A. Chalker and John Thompson, auditors; F. E. Blakeman, trustee of Storrs agricultural college; T. S. Gold, member of board of control of experiment station at New Haven.

Several resolutions on the work of the board were passed.

It was voted to recommend a list of names of farmers who are members of the general assembly as suitable to be members of the committee on agriculture to the speaker to assist him in making up the committee.

CLINTON B. DAVIS.

Re-elected Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Hartford, Jan. 2.—The democratic state central committee met in this city to-day for the purpose of organizing for the ensuing year. Chairman Clinton B. Davis of Higganum was not present, not being a member of the committee. Mr. Davis was re-elected chairman on the first ballot, and the meeting adjourned.

IS A MENACE TO HEALTH.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST DUMPING SNOW ON THE GREENS.

Board of Public Works Act on a Communication From Mayor Hendrick on the Subject—Dwight Street Will be Extended to Dixwell Avenue.

Mayor Albert C. Hendrick was present at the meeting of the board of public works last evening, but contrary to general expectations, did not preside over the deliberations of that body. The commissioners present were Johnson, Brown, Maley, States and McGann. Mayor Hendrick entered a little late, and when asked to take the chair said: "I'll only be a spectator to-night," and Commissioner States again resumed the president's chair.

After the regular monthly bills had been read and approved a communication from Mayor Hendrick was read. The communication was couched in the following language: "The dumping of snow from the streets upon the upper part of the old green is the cause of much complaint. President Dwight of Yale university states that it is not only unsightly, but is also injurious to the health of those who room in the vicinity."

When the communication had been read Mayor Hendrick said: "I did not expect to be here to-night, and therefore sent in this communication. President Dwight called upon me at my office this morning and stated that he was of the opinion that last year the health of Yale had been endangered by the piles of snow which had been dumped upon the green near the college dormitories, and that it was a practice which ought to be stopped. I promised to call the attention of the board of public works to the matter, and have accordingly done so."

The members of the board discussed the matter briefly, and after deliberating the limited amount of dumping grounds available for the city's use, it was decided to place as little snow as possible upon the green this winter, and then only upon the lower portion.

The condition of the principal streets of the city since the last heavy snow storm was next brought up, and was the cause of a lengthy discussion. Superintendent of Streets Doyle stated that numerous complaints had been made to him that the snow had been removed from Chapel or Church streets, and on motion of Commissioner McGann it was voted to have the matter attended to immediately.

Complaints were also read from residents of Howard and Dixwell avenues to the effect that the street railroad companies had been ploughing up the snow on these thoroughfares and caused it to be piled on the side of the tracks. In view of these complaints Superintendent Doyle was instructed to confer with the railroad companies and order them to spread the snow more evenly.

The proposed extension of Dwight street was next taken from the table, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to recommend to the court of common council that the street be extended in a direct line to Dixwell avenue which will cause it to reach Dixwell near Bristol street. A public hearing was held on this subject December 19, at which time many of the residents of the Ninth and Tenth wards were present and expressed their views on the proposed extension. At that time the consensus of opinion of the warders was against the extension.

After the meeting had adjourned a brief session of the committee on streets was held. At this session it was decided that owing to the lack of appropriation it would be impossible to remove the snow from the gutters of the streets of the city, except for a short stretch in the business sections.

ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY.

Examination and Ordination of Professor F. C. Porter.

Professor Frank C. Porter of the Yale Theological seminary was ordained at Center church to preach the gospel. Rev. W. W. McLane of the College street church acted as moderator and invoked the blessing. Rev. F. R. Luckey of the Humphrey street church read from the scriptures. Rev. T. T. Munger of the United church preached the ordination sermon. The ordination prayer was by Professor Harris, who also assisted in the laying on of hands, which was by Drs. Munger and McLane. Rev. Dr. Smyth extended the right hand of fellowship and Professor Fisher gave the charge.

At the end of the ordination services Rev. Mr. Porter gave his benediction to those who were present.

Rev. Mr. Porter will not take a pastorate. Such was not his intention before being ordained. He passed his examination successfully and received the commendation of the examiners.

FATHER O'CONNOR TRANSFERRED.

Becomes an Assistant to Father Russell of New Haven.

Bridgeport, Jan. 2.—Rev. Father O'Connor, who has been connected with St. Augustine's church for the past year, was to-day notified by Bishop Tierney of his transfer to St. Patrick's church, New Haven, where he will be assistant to Father Russell.

His promotion, for the change is virtually such, is well deserved, for no young priest ever labored more earnestly or conscientiously. He was very popular in St. Augustine's parish.

A delegation from St. Augustine's parish will go to New Haven Sunday and participate at whatever mass he celebrates.

LOCAL NEWS JOTTINGS.

The J. Gibbs Smith company has presented to the city a fine gavel to be used by the presiding officer of the board of councilmen. It is a handsome one.

Schaffer & Neuman, at 220 Congress avenue, dealers in furniture, met with a serious loss New Year's night, their goods having been deluged with water during the night. The water pipes had frozen and burst.

The engagement is announced of James E. English of this city, the oldest son of ex-Postmaster Benjamin R. English, to Miss Gertrude Worth of Brooklyn. Miss Worth is now a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin R. English.

Thomas A. Meehan, the freight clerk of the steamer C. H. Northam, was married last Sunday evening at St. Mary's church to Mrs. A. E. Root of this city. Miss Bertha Lines of Rochester, cousin of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and E. F. Coe of the firm of N. Lines & Co., acted as best man.

John J. Kerrigan, the genial and popular chief clerk in the post office, who has been confined to his house for the past eight weeks suffering from a broken ankle, resumed his duties in the post office yesterday morning.

Rev. E. Edwin Hall, who was stricken with paralysis a week ago at his home on Prospect street, annex, was sufficiently recovered yesterday to visit his son, Dr. E. C. M. Hall of Grand avenue.

Philip Ross, superintendent at Malley, Neely & Co., has resigned to go to New York, and Colonel John G. Healy has been appointed to succeed him.

Charles R. Groning, who conducts the millinery department in Malley, Neely & Co.'s, filed an assignment in the probate court yesterday. Mr. Groning conducted the business on his own responsibility, renting the space in Malley, Neely & Co.'s store. Robert A. Bronson is named as trustee. The assets are about \$8,000. It is thought that the liabilities will not exceed them.

Thomas Cronan, a saloon keeper at 5 Frank street, filed an assignment naming Sanford B. Martin as trustee. His liabilities are about \$1,200. His failure is said to be due to the fact that he was robbed of \$600 a short time ago.

IT WAS APPOINTED.

The unselfish workers of the "Ladies' Seamen's Friend Society" are not accustomed to other reward than the consciousness of having done what they could, but as will be seen in the following letter this case is different. The society wishes to thank the writer as heartily as he thanks them.

MRS. F. WAYLAND-FELLOWS, President L. S. F. Society.

"Mr. J. E. Bergh, Seamen's Home, New Haven:

Dear Sir—I wish to voice the feeling of myself with officer and crew of my vessel to you and the Ladies' Seamen's Friend society, who so kindly took such an interest as to furnish for us a Merry Christmas. It was greatly enjoyed by all and the presents will be useful comforts and serve to remind us of the pleasant evening of December 27, 1894, and I hope and trust the good work you are secretly engaged in will have a good moral influence on the mind of the "Sailor" and they be ever grateful for what is done for them by the good workers of New Haven. With respects to yourself and the society, I remain

Truly Yours,

Schooner, New Bedford, Mass.

Dec. 27, 1894.

True Bill Against an Anarchist.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The grand jury to-day found a true bill of indictment against Charles W. Mowbray, the English anarchist, charging him with making a seditious speech. Mowbray was arrested here last Friday night after addressing a meeting of anarchists.

COMING SOCIAL EVENT.

The Recital by Miss Story and Miss Trowbridge.

The leading social event for next week will be the recital to be given by Miss Anna Warren Story and Miss Nannie Beltrine Trowbridge at Harmonie hall on Wednesday evening, January 3. Miss Martina Johnstone and Madame Theodor Bjorksten will assist.

Miss Johnstone at the last Bagny recital in New York at the Hotel Waldorf divided the honors with Madame Nordica.

Tickets for the above recital can be procured at Judd's bookstore or from Miss Trowbridge at 210 Prospect street. Price \$1 each.

Installation Last Evening.

The annual installation of Crusaders' castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle, was held last evening in Golden Rule hall, Exchange building. The officers were installed by Grand Chief H. S. Wildman of Waterbury, after which a fine banquet was served.

ON THE CONSOLIDATED.

Mr. Soule Begins His New Duties.

F. H. Soule, the newly appointed general car inspector of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, assumed the duties of his office yesterday. Inspector Soule will have charge of the inspection, running, repairs, oiling, cleaning, heating and lighting of passenger cars; he will also have charge of all the freight cars owned by the road. The appointment of Mr. Soule is a new departure for the road, and it is expected that there will soon be a marked improvement in the manner in which the cars and coaches will be cared for. The department is an important one, and Inspector Soule will have between 200 and 300 employees under his direction. Mr. Soule began his railroad career as a car builder on the New England road.

WERE BURNED TO A CRISP.

A WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN PERISHED IN A TENEMENT FIRE.

The fact that their lives were lost was not discovered until long after the fire had been extinguished—The Mother Became Paralyzed.

New York, Jan. 2.—Three lives were lost in a fire at 25 Pitt street to-day. The victims were Mrs. Lena Lehman and her two children, Sarah and Henry, aged respectively two years and two months. The fact that lives were lost was not discovered until some time after the fire was extinguished. The firemen were overhauling the building when they discovered the three bodies, burned to a crisp, lying beneath a heap of debris in the turn of the stairway at the fourth floor, and was trying to escape to the street, when she and her infants perished in the flames. Their lives would have been saved had the panic-stricken mother remained in her apartments until help came to her, which it did promptly to the other tenants.

The building is a five-story tenement. About 1 o'clock the housekeeper discovered smoke coming from the cellar into the first hallway. Before she could make an investigation the smoke was followed by flames. She ran screaming into the street and gave the alarm. The tenants except those on the top floor, but found the hallways filled with smoke and flames. They then crowded the fire escapes and waited for help.

Police men helped the women and children to the street. One child was overcome by smoke, but was soon revived. The fire spread so quickly that when the firemen started to work the flames had spread to the top floor and were bursting from the roof. The fire was not under control within an hour and soon afterwards was drowned out. The flames did not invade any of the apartments except those on the top floor, but all others were damaged by smoke and water. A fireman was slightly overcome by smoke and heat.

IGNORED THE RUMOR.

Secretary Carlisle Is Silent on Mr. Morgan's Visit.

Washington, Jan. 2.—J. Pierpont Morgan, the well known New York banker, who the day before New Year's called at the White house to pay his respects to the president. From his visit a rumor originated that he had waited on the president to demand the resignation of the secretary of the treasury because of the latter's alleged bad faith in his dealings with the New York bankers in regard to the recent bond issue.

Secretary Carlisle declined this evening to even notice this rumor. It can be stated on authority that if such a demand was made the president has not informed Secretary Carlisle of it.

REDEEMED UNDER CONDITIONS.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—That the Lake street elevated road has defaulted on its bond interest and that some of the holders of the bonds have virtually assigned their rights was generally conceded in financial circles here to-day. When the coupons, which matured January 1, 1895, were presented for payment they were redeemed under certain conditions.

PASSED ITS DIVIDEND.

A prominent Chicago company in which many New Haveners are largely interested—Deemed a Wise and Conservative Move.

A disappointment to holders of the stock of the Swift & Co., of Chicago, large dealers in beef and other meats, is the announcement which was rapidly circulated about the city among our bankers and business men yesterday that the company had decided to pass its quarterly dividend. It has been paying quarterly dividends of 2 per cent, right along. President George A. Butler of the National Tradesmen's bank was interviewed on the subject last night and said: The company has been doing an immense business, but in common with other companies has felt the effects of the prolonged business depression, and it has not deemed it wise to pay the customary dividend at this time. I think it has acted more wisely than to pay a dividend it had not fully earned. The company's course is one to inspire confidence, rather than otherwise. I do not think there is any cause for alarm in the case among the holders of the stock.

No, added Mr. Butler, I hardly think there is a million dollars' worth of stock held in New Haven, but I know there is a large amount held here, running well up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Violated the Liquor Law.

Andrew Picken, a saloonkeeper at 137 Putnam street was arrested last night by Officer J. T. McGrath on a warrant charging him with violation of the liquor law. He was subsequently released under bonds of \$150.

Arrested on a Capias.

Thomas Burke was arrested last night by Officer Bart Dailey on a capias. Burke failed to put in an appearance at the city court yesterday morning, where he had been subpoenaed to testify against John Keleher, charged with breach of the peace.

LAUREL STREET EXTENSION.

Commissioners Decide on the Subject.

Hartford, Jan. 2.—The railroad commissioners issued several orders today, which are decisions on hearings recently held. In the matter of the extension of Laurel and Myrtle streets in New Haven, heard on November 9, the commissioners direct that the Laurel street extension pass under the tracks of the Consolidated railroad.

SUDDENLY PASSED AWAY.

Death of Mrs. Ella J. Everts, Sister of Charles R. Coan.

A large circle of friends will learn with deep sorrow of the death of Mrs. Ella J. Everts of Central Park, L. I., sister of Charles R. Coan of this city. She came to this city four weeks ago yesterday to spend the holiday season in New Haven, her old home, with her brother, Mr. Coan, of the Security Insurance company. Her health had not been of the best owing to severe prostration, resulting from the excitement and shock resultant upon the burning of barns and other buildings on the farm and country seat of herself and husband, and the narrow escape of their house from being destroyed.

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IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Number of Patrolmen Insufficient—Total Number of Arrests Made During the Year—Much Valuable Property Recovered—Other Statistics.

The annual report of Treadwell Smith, superintendent of the local police department has just been completed and is more than usually interesting. The report also includes the reports of the captains of the several police stations, of Truant Officer Sullivan, of the hawk inspector, Sergeant Driscoll, and of the matron at police headquarters, Mrs. Susan Ireland.

Superintendent Smith's report begins as follows:

"The department is in good working order and all is being done that can be reasonably expected, but it is impossible to sufficiently protect the outlying districts with the number of patrolmen we now have.

"During the past year a great many complaints have been made by citizens living in the outskirts, who ask for protection from lawless men and boys. They are taxpayers and are entitled to it, and some provision should be made whereby the beats can be covered at all times.

"To more readily cover these large beats I recommend that there be three more men appointed and detailed as mounted policemen, whose duty it shall be to patrol these outlying districts where this cannot now be done. I also recommend that there be two men detailed for detective work, one at station 3, Howard avenue, and one at station 4, Dixwell avenue.

"Great credit is due to the captains of the several stations for the valuable assistance rendered me in the discharge of the various and important duties, and to the members of their commands for the interest they have shown in the performance of their duties, and also to Charles T. Candee, clerk of the police department, for the very efficient manner in which his duties have been performed and the invaluable assistance rendered thereby.

"There are at the present time in the employ of the department 1 superintendent, 4 captains, 18 sergeants, 1 truant officer, 2 signal officers, 73 patrolmen in grade A, 17 in grade B, 13 in grade C, 4 in grade D, 2 in grade E (or a total of 114 patrolmen), 4 patrol drivers, 1 clerk, a board of 4 police surgeons, an electrician, a lineman, a janitor, a matron,